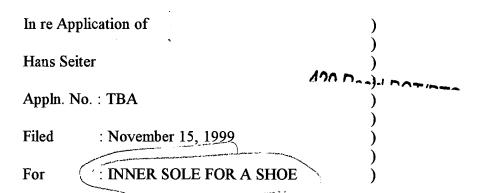
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

## **AMENDMENTS**

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 2, change "Specification" to

-- Field of the Invention--;

line 3, change "instant" to --present--;

line 4, delete ", in accordance with the";

line 5, change "preamble of claim 1, or respectively claim 4" to --having an

inner sole

inner sole with a sole base body, a sole cover layer and several cushion layers arranged on the

surface of the sole.--;

between lines 5 and 6, insert

--Background of the Invention--; and